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Slippery slope ...

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Jessa Elley, 6, prepares for a wild ride with her grandmother Vicky Snyder at 'the Butte' last Thursday. A heavy snowfall last week provided enough cover for sledding enthusiasts to finally make their runs.

New ambulance service set up for the New Year

by Chris Puglia

With the incoming New Year the new regional ambulance service was established taking over past contract provider, Mountain View Ambulance.

The takeover occurred at midnight on Dec. 31 and Regional Service Coordinator Lyle McKellar said the equipment would be in place at that deadline.

Two of three ambulance units have already been delivered to the region from Saskatoon and a third was expected before the deadline.

If the third unit was not ready by Dec. 31, the region was guaranteed a loner in the interim.

Earlier this month all of the emergency medical personnel were hired, which includes six EMTs and five paramedics.

The regional service will be an upgrade from the service provided by Mountain View Ambulance because it will be a full-time Advanced Life Support Service, meaning two of the three units will always have a paramedic on board.

The third unit, although the details have not been ironed out, is expected to be a combination of advanced and basic service depending on the need.

The regional service will also be connected to 9-1-1 dispatch and users are asked to use the 9-1-1 emergency number when calling for an ambulance.

Quick facts

New regional service will consist of three units, two of which will always have a paramedic on board.

The three ambulances will cost an estimated \$325,000 in total.

The medical personnel were hired earlier this month and consist of six EMTs and five paramedics.

County Council approved a recommendation which will allow the Guardian Emergency Inc., Linden Ambulance and Sundre EMS to continue to operate despite the new contract.

The new service went into effect as soon as the New Year started.

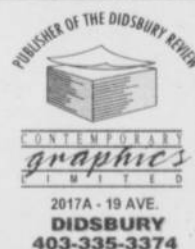
Users who have been using a seven-digit number to contact the ambulance in times of an emergency are asked not to call that number after midnight on Dec. 31.

"They are asked not to call that number anymore because it doesn't belong to the region and we can't guarantee these calls will be re-directed," said McKellar.

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In the courts

Man sentenced for holding knife to victim

by Dan Singleton

A case of mistaken identity has led to a \$1,000 fine for a Grande Prairie man.

Shane William Dougan, 21, pleaded guilty in Didsbury provincial court on Monday to a charge of assault with a weapon.

The male victim in the case and another man were walking on an Olds street on Oct. 9 when they waved at a passing vehicle they believed belonged to a friend, court heard.

The accused, who was not

known to the victim, jumped out of the pickup truck and approached the victim.

A fight then broke out, with the accused knocking the victim to the ground and holding a knife to him.

The victim was shaken but otherwise uninjured, said prosecutor Danny Elliott.

Judge C. Skene fined the accused \$1,000 and placed him on probation for one year. Dougan is also prohibited from possession of any weapons for one year.

Roberts sentenced next month

An Olds-area rancher convicted of second degree murder in the shooting death of a Calgary oilman will be sentenced next month.

Roberts shot Patrick Kent in the head several times following a dispute on Roberts' Eagle Ridge Ranch in Oct. 1998. He was convicted in November. Sentencing arguments were made last week.

The Crown has asked for an 18 year sentence, while the de-

fence argued 10 years would be more appropriate. Judge Peter Martin may sentence Roberts on Jan. 12.

Man punched window

A 19-year-old man has been fined after admitting he punched a window out of an Olds shop during a drunken incident in October. Jason Keeler pleaded guilty in Didsbury provincial court on Dec. 13 to a charge of mischief.

The accused was walking on an Olds street at about mid-

night on Oct. 21 when he used his fist to smash out a window at Bruin's Heating and Plumbing, court heard.

The accused was intoxicated at the time, Crown prosecutor C. Lee told Judge C. Daniels.

Lee said the accused was convicted of failure to provide a breath sample in April.

"There is an alcohol problem here," said Judge Daniels.

She fined the accused \$300 and also prohibited him from consuming liquor for six months.

County council notes

County Council discusses progress of road study

by Chris Puglia

* Council met with Steve Banack, Vince Malloy and Greg Bulych to discuss the progress of the road study being conducted by AGRA Torchinsky Ltd. The study is examining roads to determine their rating in terms of utilization, traffic flow and traffic frequency in order to determine priority needs for maintenance and upgrades. All 52 of the county roads were researched and rated between one and four, one being the high end of the spectrum.

* Council met with Health Authority 5 board member Jim Turner who gave a report and an update on what has been happening in the region over the last year. The discussion varied from the Didsbury Hospital crisis to the need for a dialysis machine in the Didsbury area.

* Council has approved the following bridge files as priorities for the year 2001. File 867, SSE 13-29-28 w4 crossing the Rosebud River in Division 1. File 9588, WNE 18-29-3 w5 crossing the Dog Pound Creek on Garfield Road in Division 2. File 9459 SSW 4-32-6 W5 crossing Nitchie Creek in Division 4. File 9457 WSW 33-29-3 W5 on the O'Dell Golf Course Road in Division 2. File 1892 WSW 4-324 W5 on the Westward Ho Road in Division 4. File 8387 SSW 15-3027 W4 in Division 1. File 1806 WSW 10-31-1 W5 crossing the Rosebud Creek in Division 3. 13018 WSW 2-30-5 W5 crossing the Little Red Deer River in Division 2. File 72532 WSW 2-30-5 W5 crossing Big Prairie Creek in Division 2.

* Administration has been authorized to tender the following items; tandem water

truck, 2 motor graders, brush rake, vibratory packer with cab' durapatcher, one-ton 4 x 4 2 one tons with dual wheels. Administration has also been authorized to purchase the following used equipment, 1 water truck (\$70,000) 1 one-ton 4 x 4 (\$22,000), 2 one-tons with dual wheels (\$20,000 each). Authorization has also been given to lease an excavator for 2001 with a lease to purchase option, purchase of the excavator will be subsequent to council approval.

* Council is in the process of adopting a comprehensive business plan which will include long and short term goals operating principles and a mission statement. Council has approved the mission statement, long term goals, short term goals and the values and principles included in that plan. Council has also passed a motion that the mission statement be the responsibility of the County Commissioner.

* Council has passed a policy on funding for urban recreation capital projects. The policy will free \$50 per capita in a recreation district for capital projects. The \$50 per capita will be delivered by county grant of \$25 per capita

and then up to another \$25 per capita provided matching funds be raised by the recreation district residents. The grant money will be made available through the municipal reserve fund which currently holds \$411,385 and the reserve may never be reduced lower than \$100,000.

* Replacement are being sought for the community lottery board #61. Patrick Radford of Didsbury, Marie Barkley of Didsbury and Hugh Robinson of Olds will be stepping down following the expiration of their term of appointment on March 31, 2001.

* Council has approved the FCSS funding recommendation of \$20,109 municipal contribution and \$80,438 provincial contribution. The total is \$100,547, approximately \$2,000 higher than last year.

* Council has denied a request from the Sundre RCMP detachment to continue funding an additional clerical position at the detachment under the belief the funds should come from the province. A letter to that effect is being sent to the province. The county for the past year has funded a part time clerical position at the Sundre Detachment and the recent request was to increase that position to full time.

* County has increased their compensation package for mileage from \$.34 a kilometre to \$.40 a kilometre, for vehicles with a capital cost of \$25,000 to \$32,000 and travelling 32,000 kilometres a year. The increase is expected to cost an additional \$7,350.

* Council has passed their interim operating budget. The interim budget is routine for municipalities under the municipal government act until the annual budget can be passed in March or April.

* Council has passed the exclusive use bylaw regarding the new ambulance service. The policy gives the regional service exclusive rights to the emergency services response in the County. With the exceptions of Sundre EMS (Sundre Rural), Linden Ambulance (south east area of county) and Guardian Emergency Inc (current service provided to the oilfield. Gerald Ingeveid

wanted time lines to be placed on how long the services mentioned would be exempted in case the regional service wished to expand into those areas of service. However administration believed that could be done with contracts and that in the case of Guardian Ambulance removing them from the county could result in a large compensation pack-

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RCMP busy after heavy snowfall

by Richard Westlund

A heavy snowfall in southern Alberta area kept highway patrols busy as many motorists ended up in the ditch skidding off of poor roads.

Corp. Greg Wakaluk, of the Innisfail RCMP, said his unit was kept busy responding to numerous reported single vehicle incidents. Heavy snow and freezing rain in the County of Mountain View created treacherous icy driving conditions after Christmas (Dec. 27).

"We were really busy," said Wakaluk, adding that there were enough officers on duty to keep up with the rate of accidents happening in the area, but that if any serious accidents had occurred, waits could have been significantly increased.

Some unfortunate drivers who found themselves stuck off the road waited for as long as an hour-and-a-half as the higher priority situations were taken care of first, said Wakaluk, adding that traffic slowed to 40 km/h on some parts of Highway 2.

Wakaluk said drivers should have waited until the road conditions improved later in the afternoon, instead of in the morning. He believes in many instances drivers would have made their destinations in the same amount of time if they waited instead of braving the horrific conditions.

Although driving conditions significantly improved the day following the snow fall, Wakaluk said cold temperatures could make the wet slush roads into icy ones again.

Didsbury man charged in traffic fatality

by Richard Westlund

A Didsbury man is now facing charges for his involvement in an accident that occurred near Carstairs earlier this month.

Jason Deitsch, 18, has been charged with Dangerous Driving Causing the Death of Henry Mah, a Carstairs resident, who worked for the Calgary City Police.

The charge came on a recommendation from the Attorney General Department, said Didsbury RCMP Sergeant Ron Platz.

The incident in question, happened Dec. 4 on Highway 2A, approximately two kilometres south of Carstairs where the Calgary Police officer had died at the scene after being struck by another vehicle.

The RCMP investigation determined that weather and road conditions and alcohol were not contributing factors in the accident.

Deitsch will make his first court appearance on Jan. 17 at Didsbury Provincial Court.

Christmas nativity draw raises \$2,800



Margaret Baril presents the grand prize nativity scene to Enith Hunsperger of Carstairs.

by Richard Westlund

Over \$2,800 was raised in the months leading up to the Christmas holidays by the Rosebud Health Foundation with their annual Nativity Scene draw.

The organization made its third draw in as many years last week, and once again the response has been a good one.

Margaret Baril, a director with the Rosebud Health Foundation, said once again she was happy with the response from the community.

"I found the response this year to be very positive. People are starting to recognize who we are and want to help us in our efforts.

"I think (the response) shows that people want to support the local facility and make it the best place it can be."

The monies raised in the raffle are going towards the purchase of a new cardiac monitoring system.

Baril said the machine will allow anyone who has a heart attack in the hospital an increased level in care.

Enith Hunsperger of Carstairs was the lucky winner of the \$1,000 nativity scene. 2,000 tickets were sold.



Dishing up ...

Westglen school hosted its 13th annual Turkey Dinner on Dec. 20 which included a hot turkey buffet for students, staff and invited guests. The Westglen jazz band performed during the meal, which was sponsored by the Carstairs Co-op and Reality Executives. School board chairman Roy Brassard gave a helping hand in the kitchen.

Alberta's economy surged ahead during the year 2000

Strong commodity prices, low taxes and a healthy provincial surplus clearly demonstrate that Alberta's economy surged ahead during 2000. Today, Alberta Economic Development Minister Jon Havelock released three documents detailing Alberta's economic performance for the year 2000 and estimating the province's performance in 2001. *Alberta's International Exports*, *Alberta Business Outlook 2000-2001*, and *Monthly Economic Review (December 2000)* all show Alberta's economy is firing on all cylinders.

"The most positive economic indicator I have seen in recent years is the diversification of the Alberta economy," Havelock said. "At one time energy made up almost 40 per cent of Alberta's gross domestic product, today it represents just over 20 per cent."

December's *Monthly Economic Review* shows the province is leading the country in retail trade and exports with Alberta's farm cash receipts experiencing the biggest increase during 2000.

Alberta is tied with Manitoba for the lowest unemployment rate and has the second highest total wages and salaries in Canada.

Widespread increases across all major export sectors increased Alberta's international goods exports by 57% to \$38.2 billion. *Alberta's International Exports* for January-September showed increases in primary agriculture (19%), refined petroleum (83%), chemicals (34%), machinery (36%), pulp and paper (33%) and food, feed and beverages (19%).

"While high commodity prices contributed to export growth, rising export volumes were also a factor," Havelock said. "In the first three quarters of 2000, we saw significant volume increases in telecommunications equipment, oil and gas field equipment, crude oil, wheat and natural gas liquids."

Alberta Business Outlook 2000 is forecasting an equally positive economic future for Alberta. Estimates suggest Alberta's economy will grow by 6.5 per cent in 2000 and by 5 per cent in 2001. "Our economic performance in 2000 is simply outstanding, especially in the manufacturing sector," Havelock said. "Most forecasters expect Alberta to lead the nation in economic growth in 2000 and 2001."

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Home again



Richard
WESTLUND

Home is where the heart is, and it is good to be home.

I never lived in Didsbury or went to school here, but as a kid I sure spent a lot of time in this sleepy little town.

My name is Richard Westlund and I should be a familiar face to many of you. And at the same time I will be a new face to many more.

Because I grew up in Carstairs, Didsbury was a place I would spend time in for a variety of reasons. I played minor sports against teams in the area and

eventually in the area when I played four years with the Mountainview Colts. Mom took my siblings and I to swimming lessons at the old pool in Didsbury and for ice cream afterwards at the K and W.

Dad would pick up parts for the farm machinery in Didsbury and often times Didsbury was a place for Mom to shop.

And now it has become a place to work, and as I have submerged myself quickly into my new position, I have had time to feel nostalgic at every turn so far.

On Thursday I had a chance to take some pictures of sledgers at 'the Butte.' It instantly made me remember all of the times I had the chance to go sledding down the very same hill.

And the Didsbury Memorial Arena has been a place I have frequented almost religiously growing up and it too is a place that brings back many fond memories.

I just recently finished a two-year stint at a newspaper up north as a Sports Editor with the Strathcona County This Week in Sherwood Park, and I jumped at the opportunity to work close to my family and friends.

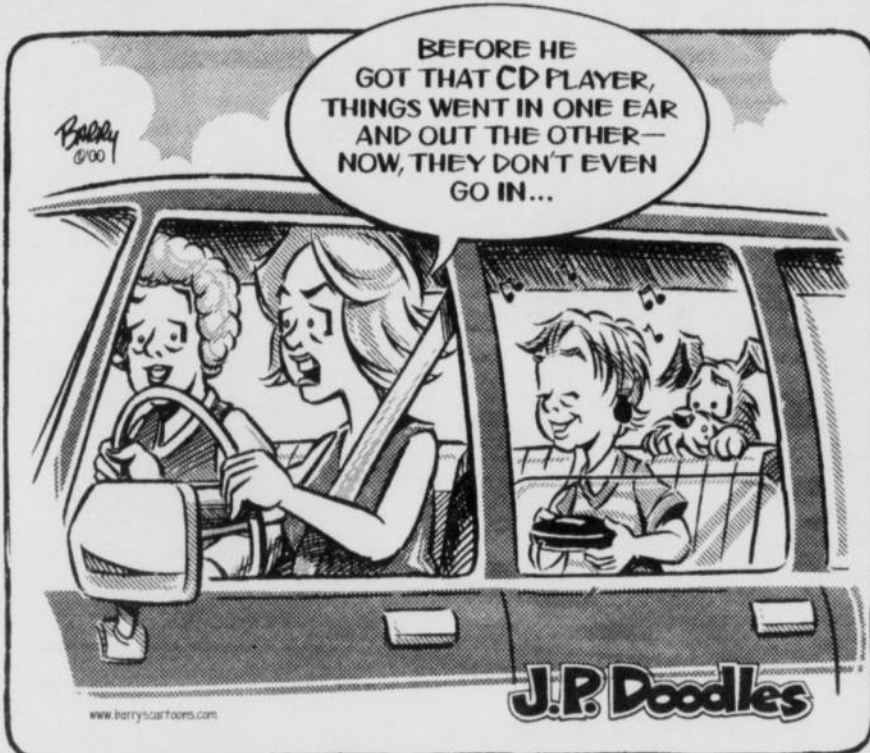
Like the editor before me, Nicole Smith, I went to Mount Royal College for four years.

Community newspapers rely on the people they serve for story ideas and some editorial direction. If you know of something that is happening in the community, feel free to give me a phone call.

My door is always open to the people of Didsbury so if you have any comments, concerns, story ideas or just want to introduce yourself, please feel free to drop in or give me a phone call.

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Did you know?

The Province of Alberta has, through the Highway Traffic Act, given municipalities the power to pass a bylaw allowing full-time and volunteer fire fighters to use flashing green lights in their vehicles as a means of identification. The Town of Didsbury has passed such a bylaw. So if you see a **flashing green** light coming up, please give the fire fighter room to get to the fire hall. You never know, it might just be your place the Fire Department is trying to get to!

Did you know?

By-law 94-13 Business Licenses

Business Licenses are now due for the year 2001.

A business in the home is also in need of a Home Occupancy Business License. Applications are available at the town office.

Businesses operating without a valid business license are liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$500.00 plus costs.

Did you know?

By-law 94-8

The owner of a dog running

or being at large is guilty of an offence. The fine is \$100.00.

If a dog defecates on property which is not the Owner's property, the owner shall clean up the defecation and dispose of it in a sanitary manner. If the owner fails to do so, the owner is guilty of an offence. The fine is \$100.00.

The owner of any dog which resides in the town and is over six (6) months old, shall obtain a Dog License.

The fine for an unlicensed dog is \$75.00.

Did you know?

If a dog is running at large, is picked up and the owner cannot be located, the Town now sends the animals to Alberta Animal Services in Red Deer.

They are kept for 96 hours. After that time if the owner cannot be located, the animal becomes the property of Alberta Animal Services. So be sure to have a current dog tag on your dog.

Did you know?

If your dog barks or howls continuously and disturbs the peace and quiet of any person, the owner is guilty of an offence. Fine - \$100.00.

Did you know?

By-law 99-17

The fine for parking an unattached trailer whether commercial or recreational, on the streets is \$30.00.

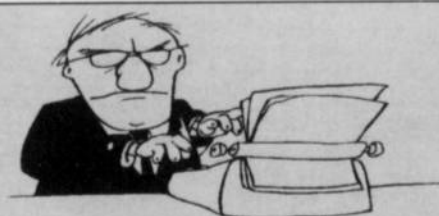
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By-law 99-17(12)

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FROM THE MAILBAG

A plan for closure on the MP pay and pensions file

by Walter Robinson, Federal Director, Canadian Taxpayers Federation

With each election cycle a fresh crop of new faces comes to Parliament Hill. Obviously this means that bunch of defeated or retiring MPs must bid adieu to Ottawa. But shed no tears for these MPs, their taxpayer financed pension and severance payments cushion their landing.

Indeed, 32 defeated or retiring MPs will collect over \$18.8 million in future benefits and another 17 MPs who did not serve long enough to be eligible for the MP Pension Plan (the 2nd richest public sector plan in the country, only federal judges do better) will pocket almost \$270,000 in severance payouts.

To be fair, the severance payouts are comparable to mid-level executive departure handshakes. And MPs who will collect large pensions have paid 9% of their annual income into the plan. But taxpayers are still footing most of the bill. According to the latest Public Accounts, for each dollar an MP contributes to the plan, taxpayers contribute \$4.37. And the total pension cost tab paid out last year to former MPs and their dependents was over \$23 million.

The CTF does not object - and never has - to a pension regime for MPs. But a fair and equitable pension regime such as a matching dollar for dollar defined contribution scheme as opposed to the current defined benefit plan would be preferable.

Currently MPs are paid a base salary of \$68,800, a tax-free allowance between \$22K and \$28K, plus living expenses of \$12,000 per year. And if they serve as officers of the House for their party, parliamentary secretaries or sit in Cabinet their pay is topped up further. At a fully taxable rate, basic MPs earn close to \$110,000 per year. This places them amongst the top 2% of all income earners in Canada. And we haven't even factored in the pension plan. "Not bad" by any objective measure.

While the demands of the job are immense, no one is forced into public life so we can quickly dispense with the woe is the MP cry. Ditto for the "we need to pay more to get better people" argument. This builds on the "if you pay peanuts you get monkeys" school of thought. But it rings hollow for political representation. Whether we paid \$30K a year or \$300K, we would still get mostly voting machine MPs who jettison personal conscience when the party Whip comes calling.

Sometime in the next mandate, a review of compensation for MPs and Senators will be

done: it's the law. But instead of announcing the review in the dog days of summer as was done by Government House Leader Don Boudria on the Friday afternoon before the August long weekend back in 1997, more courage should rule the day and Parliament should initiate a review shortly after the Throne Speech, expected next February. This review should have as its aims the principles of simplicity, accountability, transparency and fairness.

Simplicity could be achieved by abolishing all tax-free perks and paying MPs the appropriate fully taxable salary. To be fair, the merits of paying more should be debated.

Transparency would in-

volve establishing a permanent, arms-length body to review MP pay and compensation (as it does now) but with the added proviso of public input before the appropriate House committee when this group's work is returned to Parliament.

Finally, **fairness** would be served through the abolition of the MP pension plan and replacement with a matching dollar for dollar scheme. In addition, any proposed pay changes (like raises or automatic indexing) should only take effect for the next Parliament. This would remove the inherent conflict on interest of MPs setting their own pay.

Wonder what Don Boudria thinks of this plan? Someone should ask him.

Food Bank society acknowledges town

Dear Management Town of Didsbury,

The Mountain View Food Bank Society wishes to acknowledge with sincere thanks your generous donation of \$500.00. For your information, over \$1200.00 in food and \$520.00 in cash was donated to the Food Bank when the C.P.R. Holiday Train stopped in Didsbury.

For your information the Mountain View Food Bank provided 906 hampers in 1998 providing food for a total of 2,640 people (1,467 adults and 1,173 children). This was a 29% increase in hampers over 1997 when a total of 705 hampers were supplied. Unfortunately, the trend has continued in 1999. We ended up providing 1,119 hampers - a 24%

increase over last year. During 1999 we provided food to 3,137 people (1,742 adults and 1,375 children). Demand has been steady to date this year. To the end of November, 2000 we have supplied 921 hampers providing food for 2,639 people (1,392 adults and 1,247 children).

It is through the efforts and support of people like yourselves that make a project, such as the Food Bank, able to meet the needs in the County of Mountain View.

Thank you for caring and sharing. All contributions are very much appreciated.

Yours Sincerely
Esther Orr,
Secretary
Mountain View Food Bank Society

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Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

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Wonderings of the heart

Blessings for the New Year

By Margaret Fradley

Many of us have expectations for the "New Year." Perhaps we will attempt new things, take on new projects, we sometimes even write out a list of resolutions to try to keep, but soon other unforeseen situations and factors crowd into our lives, they creep in and challenge our very endeavours.

Some folk look forward to the New Year with a sense of fear and trepidation. What will the New Year hold? Listening to the media, much of the news sounds bleak. However, only one year ago, there was tension and anxiety about entering into the new millennium. Workers were alerted and on hand to deal with any emergencies. Great precautions had been taken, but there was an air of anxiety. As we look back, none of these fears were realized and we sailed into the millennium.

New Year's can be a time of re-evaluating - a fresh start, with new opportunities as well as challenges. Yes, it can be somewhat fearful, but again, a year from now, in all likelihood we will look back and see that once again things have worked out for "good."

Of course there will be set backs, painful memories, disappointments and heart ache, but what a comfort it is to know there is "one" who goes before us.

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Looking back on the year at Olds College

Increasing enrolment, new programs and upgraded facilities mean a busy, successful year for Olds College in 2000.

"Our enrolment is up 6% this year," says Olds College President Dr. Rob Turner, "and over 33 per cent over the last five years."

"We are growing, changing and innovating as we enter the 21st Century, proud of what we've done and eager to do more. 2001 will be even better."

Much of the activity this year centered around the new multi-million dollar Olds College Centre for Innovation (OCCI), dedicated to agribusiness and product development and applied research.

OCCI received substantial additional funding from the Canadian Foundation for Innovation, Canada Agriculture and Agrifood and Scotiabank, among others.

OCCI has hired two new research scientists and is already involved in 26 projects. It also organized its first very successful JumpStart Innovation conference in March.

Construction of a \$1.25 million research building for OCCI should be complete in 2001.

Other construction on campus includes new Animal Health technology facilities with close to a million dollars worth of remodelling and new equipment to keep up with the expansion of one of our most popular programs.

And as a result of a proactive partnership by the College and the Town of Olds there is \$2,000,000 in new funding for

an Olds Aquatic Centre, to be built on campus next year, for the benefit of College, town and surrounding county.

Much effort has gone into preparation for the College's new Bachelor of Applied Agricultural Technology and Entrepreneurship degree.

With agriculture evolving rapidly, there are growing opportunities for people with the right training and aptitude for innovation and entrepreneurship.

The first students will start in September 2001.

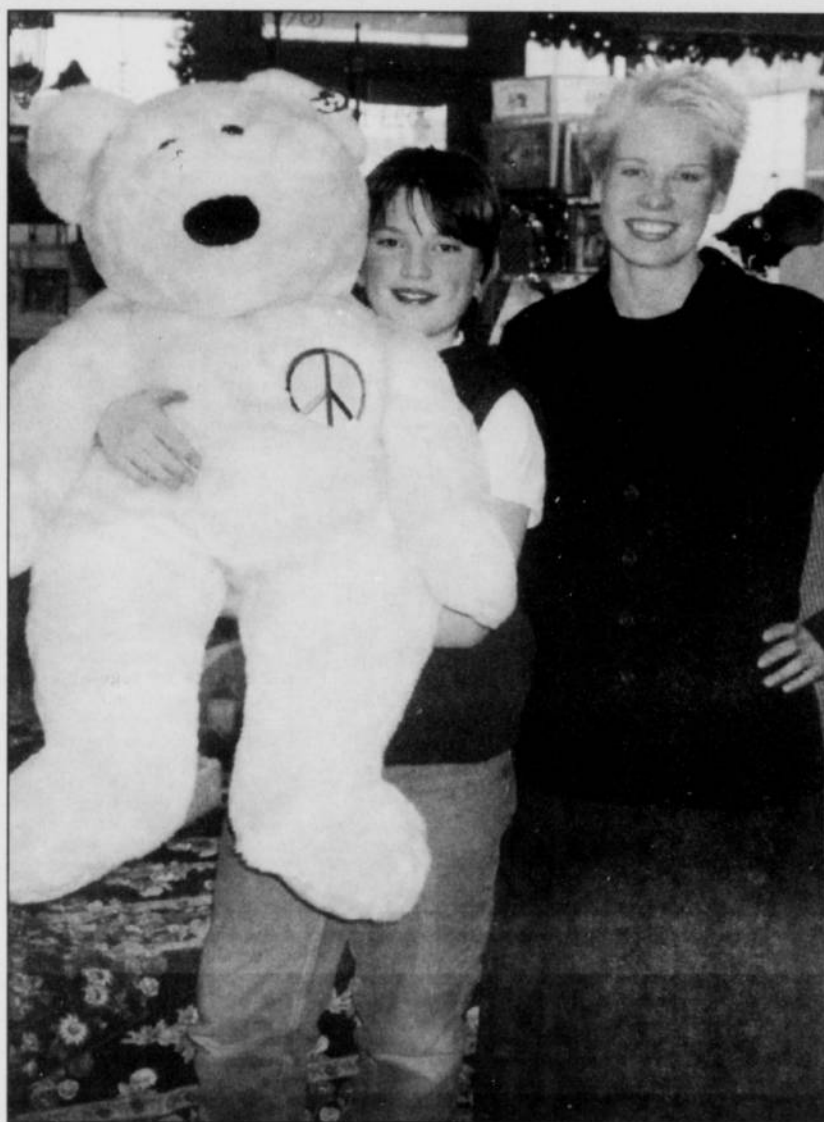
At Graduation 2000 in June, Premier Ralph Klein became the honorary first recipient of the degree. Other new programs include a two-year, high-tech diploma in Land Information Systems and a new Environmental Waste Management and Bioremediation major in Land Resource Management.

Internationally, the College continues to make a global impact with projects in more than a dozen countries, most recently in Russia, Hungary, Bangladesh and Pakistan. Twenty Canadian Youth Interns, organized by the College's International Department, completed work experience projects in Brazil, Mexico, Hungary, Russia and Bulgaria this year.

2000 was a particularly good year for President Turner.

Not only was he selected as one of Alberta's 50 Most Influential People by Alberta Venture magazine, he received a National Leadership Award from the Association of Canadian Community Colleges.

For more information please contact Dr. Turner.



The bear necessities ...

Nathan van Vlaanderen was the lucky winner of a Ty Beanie Buddie Bear - the prize for a raffle to raise money for the Didsbury Food Hampers Food for Children. Over 300 tickets were sold for the draw at a buck a piece. Presenting the bear is Amy Dykstra of Ribbons and Bow Gifts.

Host families needed for exchange students from Europe, Australia and New Zealand

Student Travel Schools is looking for volunteer families to host students from Europe, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. The students, ages 15 to 18, will be sharing their lives with Canadian families while attending local high schools five or ten months beginning this September.

"Hosting a student is a great experience for the entire family, and it's a great way for a com-

munity to learn more about a country's culture," says Julia Lubczynski, who heads up the STS program.

Being a host family means opening up your home and way of life to a teenager from another country just waiting for the chance to live and learn with a Canadian family. Host families provide meals, accommodation, supervision, and care during a student's visit to

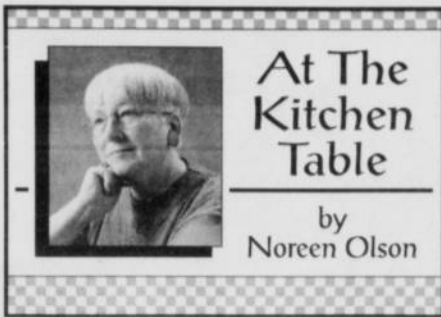
Canada.

Most of the students participating in the program have intermediate levels of English, and chose Canada for its friendly people and beautiful natural areas. All of the students are fully insured and are responsible for their own spending money and clothing allowance. The students will be arriving in Canada in late August and returning home after completing their high school year.

Lubczynski says an effort is made to match students and host families with similar interests. "Each student is different, and we spend a lot of time making sure that the host families select a student they have something in common with," says Mrs. Lubczynski.

STS is a non-profit organization that started 40 years ago in Sweden. The organiza-

tion's goal is to build understanding between peoples of different countries and cultures. Today, STS has offices in 10 European countries, Australia, New Zealand, the United States and Canada. The Canadian headquarters of STS is located in Waterloo, Ontario. Anyone interested in becoming a host family or studying abroad can contact Julia Lubczynski at 1-800-265-5316.



At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

It's been a long time since I have been able to stir up much enthusiasm for New Years Eve. Nineteen sixty was probably the last time that I felt free and uncommitted enough to do much in the way of partying, after that we had family and farm obligations and no money for non essentials. By the time the kids were getting independent and we had some spare money, any slight inclination we may have had toward debauchery and dissipation had pretty effectively died and we had forgotten how to be party people. Our celebrations of the event involved family, potato chips, coke, and at the stroke of midnight we exchanged best wishes and went to bed. Not very exciting I'm afraid. Not even the New Years that signaled the beginning of a new millennium stirred us to revelry. Oh we watched the World Wide TV coverage and were very impressed but we watched it from the warmth of our own living room and drank our toasts in diet pop. Pretty darn sad really, where did we go wrong, what happened to the excesses and the foolishness of youth? If I had it to do over again I think I'd at least spring for some dip with the chips.

The ancient Babylonians knew how to celebrate New Years. The new year arrived late in March, at the vernal equinox. It marked the beginning of Spring and the party went on for eleven days. On the first day a high priest rose two hours before dawn, washed himself in the sacred water of the Euphrates and offered a hymn to Marduk, the regions chief god of Agriculture. This was a prayer for bountiful crops. The rump of a beheaded ram was then rubbed against the temple walls to absorb any contagion that might infest the temple and blight the next years harvest.

There was much feasting, drinking and general overindulgence for the pleasure of the citizens but also and more important, as a gesture of appreciation to Marduk for last years harvest. On the sixth day a masked mummers play was offered to the goddess of fertility. It was followed by a parade of costumed dancers and musicians that started at the temple and ended at the outskirts of the city in a special building known as The New Year House. Things sort of wound down from there. I suppose by this time the women and servants just wanted to sweep up the debris, take down the decorations, wave goodbye to the visiting relatives and get some seed in the ground. And speaking of women and servants (which were probably the same thing) what do you want to bet that the celebrants were about 92% high born men and the cooks, cleaners and ram rump rubbers were slaves and wives who were not that thrilled with the whole silly mess.

The Romans observed March 25th as the beginning of Spring and the first day of the year but Emperors and high officials, in order to extend their terms of office, kept tampering with the length of months and years until calendar dates were so totally out of sync, with the astronomical indications that the calendar was totally useless. In 153BC the Roman Senate declared the start of the New Year as January 1 but more tampering occurred and in a few years things were messed up again. In 46 BC Julius Caesar had to let the year drag on for 445 days to reset the calendar to January 1. This became known as "The Year of Confusion". I would think so. Although the idea of a year with an extra 110 days has a lot of appeal. Maybe I'd get caught up for a change.

It is only for the last 400 years that New Years on January 1 has been widely accepted, and in most cultures it is celebrated with a lot of noise, horns, drums, cymbals and firecrackers, explosions and fireworks. In some cultures people were believed to be out of their senses and not responsible for what they did. On New Years Eve 1773 New York City celebrations were so out of hand that two months later city council passed a law forbidding the use of firecrackers, home made bombs and personal shotguns in the celebration of New Years Eve. Aren't you glad you were not at that party.

Let's return to the Babylonians for a moment, their two favorite New Years resolutions were supposed to have been; to pay off all debts and return borrowed farming tools. Sounds sensible to me. This is a good time to return your neighbors hedge clipper, borrow his snow shovel and wish him a Happy New Year.

Learn to Keep Your New Year's Resolutions

So the holidays are over and you've once again made the most challenging New Year's resolution: to lose weight and get in shape.

But did you know you need to burn off 3,500 calories more than you take in to lose just one pound? If you're overweight, eating your usual amount of calories while increasing activity is good for you, but eating fewer calories and being more active is even better.

The first step is to start eating right.

Food is fuel your body needs to function.

Making smart food choices is a critical part of any total health plan. When you combine a well-balanced diet with moderate exercise, it can help you feel better and keep off unwanted pounds while avoiding fad dieting.

How can you eat right? Follow the Food Guide Pyramid developed by the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services. Basically, you should have two to three servings each of the milk, yogurt and cheese group and the meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs and nuts group; three to five servings of vegetables; two to four servings of fruit; and six to 11 servings of carbohydrates, like breads, cereals, rice and pastas. Eat fats, oils and sweets sparingly.

When counting calories, sedentary women and older adults should have 1,600 calories; children, teen-age girls, active women and sedentary

men should have 2,200 calories; and teen-age boys, active men and very active women should have 2,800 calories. It also is important to choose a diet low in fat, saturated fat and cholesterol and to use sugars, salt, sodium and alcoholic drinks in moderation.

The next step is to exercise. If you are interested in overall conditioning, health experts recommend that you get at least 30 minutes of moderately intense physical activity - like brisk walking, cycling or swimming - on all or most days of the week. If you can't get in 30 minutes at once, then aim for shorter bouts of activity, at least 10 minutes three times a day.

Be sure to choose an activity you enjoy and that fits your lifestyle. Tailor your program to your fitness level.

Set realistic goals and give your body a chance to adjust to the routine. Find a partner for a little motivation and socialization. And be sure to consult your physician if you have difficulty breathing or experience faintness during or after exercise.

Putting more movement into your day also can contribute to fitness.

Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Park at the far end of a parking lot and walk to the store. Get off public transportation a few blocks before your stop.

Take a brisk walk when you get the urge to snack. Do yard work.

For more help in keeping your New Year's resolutions, call 1-800-638-5433 to order the free Life Advice brochures "Eating Right" and "Fitness and Exercise."



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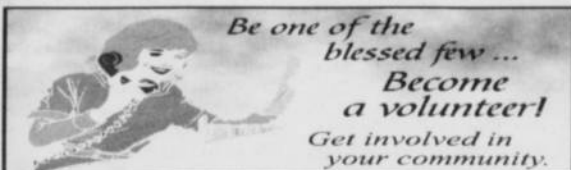
The Mountain View area, consisting of the towns of Olds, Didsbury, Carstairs, the Village of Cremona and a portion of Mountain View County, is a vibrant and growing community that is establishing a municipally-operated ALS ambulance service.

Reporting to an Ambulance Commission, the successful candidate will be responsible for establishing and managing the ambulance service and co-ordinating disaster services.

The successful candidate will demonstrate proven management; communication; interpersonal and leadership skills, as well as possess or be eligible to obtain the designation of EMT-P. Please submit a complete resume detailing qualifications, experience, training, references and salary expected by 4:00 p.m. September 15, 2000 to:

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The Selection Committee wishes to sincerely thank all applicants for the interest expressed in this competition. Candidates who most closely fit our needs will be contacted for interviews.



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QUESTION: Are there limits to this trend toward younger and younger sexual development? If not, the kids of the future may enter puberty in the middle of childhood. That could create enormous problems when sexual awareness precedes emotional maturity by a decade or more.

DR. DOBSON: It could happen, but that isn't likely. Actually, studies now indicate that a leveling-off and perhaps a reversal of the trend is occurring. As of 1988, the average age of the menarche reached a low point of 12.5. By 1993, however, researchers Dann and Roberts found that the curve had begun to swing back in the other direction. Puberty appears to be arriving slightly later again. Why? Well, just as better nutrition and health care caused the average age to drop in the recent past, the present emphasis on ultra-thin bodies and intense exercise are apparently delaying development somewhat. Many physicians are concerned about today's obsession with what used to be called "skinniness." Extremes, they say, are rarely beneficial to human beings — whether they be manifested in grossly overweight bodies or those that are bone-thin. A famous biochemist at the University of Southern California, Dr. Sam Bessman, once told me: "Remember that the body never stops eating. If you don't feed it properly, it will begin to consume itself." That is precisely what happens in the girl who consumes too few calories; she may have no periods for years at a time.

QUESTION: I'm in my early 20s and am trying to figure out a career path and general direction for my life. Do you have any suggestions?

DR. DOBSON: First, you need information. You might begin by going to an occupational psychologist or another knowledgeable counselor who can assess your skills and interests. There are excellent psychometric tests available today that will acquaint you with your own abilities. Computers will analyze your responses and correlate them with those of people who are successful and contented in given professions. You might be surprised at what you can learn about yourself from an occupational inventory. Second, you should begin an energetic exploration of eight or 10 occupations that you might find exciting. Visit people who are working in those fields and ask them for advice and counsel. Attack this problem like a private investigator who is determined to unravel a mystery. Leave no stone unturned. Third, when you've identified the area of greatest interest, commit to it. Beyond that point there's no looking back. Even if there might be a more attractive goal out there somewhere, there comes a point where you have to get on with life. Take your best shot and stay with it until you have more a secure and certain alternative to chase. Millions of others have been where you are now. They eventually got the rockets to fire. I believe you will, too.

QUESTION: You have said that every healthy married couple should learn how to fight. What do you mean by that?

DR. DOBSON: What I have said is that people need to learn how to fight fair, because there is a big difference between healthy and unhealthy combat in marriage. In an unstable marriage, hostility is aimed at the partner's soft underbelly with comments like: "You never do anything right!" and "Why did I marry you in the first place?" and "You're getting more like your mother every day!" These offensive remarks strike at the very heart of the mate's self-worth. Healthy conflict, by contrast, is focused on the issues that cause disagreement. For example: "It upsets me when you don't tell me you're going to be late for dinner." Or: "I was embarrassed when you made me look foolish at the party last night." Can you hear the difference in these two sets of examples? The first approach assaults the dignity of the partner while the second addresses the source of conflict. When couples learn this important distinction, they can work through their disagreements without wounding and insulting each other.

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Allen Reed & Dan Peters

Ross Ford raises \$900 with White Elephant Sale

by Becca Scheidt, Kevin Hill, & Sam Kilmury

The White Elephant Sale raised over \$900 for Christmas

Helpers. It was fun to shop and see the money go to a good cause.

Thanks to all who helped.

Everyone is excited about Christmas. Staff and students wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas spirit hit Westglen school in December

by Alicia Penner

Well, you can definitely say that the Christmas spirit is in town, or at least at Westglen School. The students at the middle school have collected shoeboxes for children less fortunate than they. They managed to receive over 100 boxes! They have already been shipped off, and hopefully they will be in the hands of the children receiving them within the next few weeks.

The WOW Committee (Wildcats of Westglen Committee) has announced a contest for all the classes. Each class has decorated their door to their

homeroom with tinsel, brightly coloured paper, and any other adornments they may want. Doors will be judged on the 20th of December. Good luck to all!

Westglen will also be holding their annual turkey dinner on the 20th. We are looking forward to that event. A special thanks to those who are helping prepare the meal.

The Christmas Concert was held on December 13th. It was great! They have a new band teacher, Miss Stockley, and you can definitely see what a great job she is doing.

The Jazz Band has been offered a great opportunity. They

have been asked to play at a Christmas party in Innisfail on Friday, December 22nd. They are very excited, and hope to also treat the students to music while they are eating their turkey dinner. Keep up the good work!

All the students are looking forward to the Christmas break. School will end on December 22nd, 2000 and resume again on January 8th, 2001. Hopefully you will enjoy your nice, long break.

Looking forward to the next update, I bid you farewell. Merry Christmas, and a happy New Year!

Donation dollars available for community youth

The CenAlta FUTURES Foundation, the charitable arm of CenAlta Energy Services Inc., is currently accepting funding applications from any youth-oriented programs or organizations. The deadline for applications is Monday, December 4, 2000 at noon. In order to receive up to \$5,000 in funding, the project must be aimed at providing educational, health or community opportunities for non-urban youth aged five through 18 years.

FUTURES is a charitable initiative funded through the

cooperation of CenAlta Energy Services, Canadian Hunter Exploration, PanCanadian Resources, Crestar Energy, Husky Oil Operations, Murphy Oil Company, Apache Canada, Tri Link Resources and Petro-Canada Oil and Gas.

If you know of a project

worthy of funding, please submit an application online at www.cenalta.com or phone the Calgary office toll free at 1-888-423-6258 to be faxed or mailed an application form. Applications must be submitted by Monday, December 4, 2000 at noon.

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Faces

a brief glimpse at people and events in our community

Compiled by Kathleen Windsor



Seniors Curling Bonspiel next weekend ...

Once the town finishes the Farm and Ranch Bonspiel, there'll just be enough time to rest for a day or two and then get back in the swing of things with Didsbury's Seniors Bonspiel. Planned for January 15th to 19th, the Seniors Bonspiel is a gathering of anyone 50 and over who want to get together, throw some rocks, and have a whole lot of fun. But you better get your team lined up right away because spaces are going fast. "We have a 32 rink limit," says Senior Curling Rep Angus MacDonald, "and we have 21 already." Teams from Sundre, Didsbury, Carstairs, Olds, Calgary, and Innisfail have paid their \$100. entry fee, so there's good representation from all over. "We've never had any from Three Hills yet," says counterpart Dave Neufeld, "but maybe this year." Each rink is guaranteed three games and each winning rink receives \$40 for the win. The Seniors Bonspiel Committee is planning a banquet on Tuesday night, the 16th, and guests are most welcome. "Members chip in for the banquet," said Angus, "and Didsbury acts as host." There are a lot of special activities as well, and everyone is invited to watch from the gallery at the Didsbury Curling Rink. "It's a good sociable time," says Angus, "a good time to meet old friends." "Some of these guys are in their '80s," says Dave, "but they can sure curl." If you would like to register a rink, please give Angus a call at 335-8241 or Dave at 335-8649, but remember, as Angus says with a smile, "if they want to enter, they better get on the ball!"



in Brandon, Manitoba. Bill purchased A Zippin Echo at this same futurity two years ago. "To be eligible, the horse has to be bought in the sale, and then two years later you show that same horse," says Bill. "The animal that sells for the highest amount, receives first prize," he added. Bill's quarterhorse was sold to Jamie Brown of Brandon, Manitoba for \$14,400. Thirty-one animals were scored in conformation, rail, and pattern divisions. Judging is on the one horse-one rider combination. "I ride Western Pleasure," said Bill, "and the one division is just a simple reining pattern. We show to two judges in two days, for a maximum of 120 points. We got 107 points," he said with pride. This is the fifth year Bill has entered the Superhorse Futurity and his experience is homegrown. "The family farm is on Highway 2," he says, "where we breed, train and have raised quarterhorses for over 35 years now." Bill also trains for Bob Blair at his indoor arena just outside town and his show horse facility. Bob purchased a two-year-old from Bill that was named Justin Rookie of the Year by the American Quarterhorse Association, with the Canadian National Champion Mare. Bob also owns a Manitoba 50/50 young horse that will be eligible for the Futurity Show in 2002. Winning a competition of this magnitude is no easy feat, and Bill recognizes that he couldn't do it alone. "I just want to thank my family for the tremendous amount of support they've given me this past year."

Welcome Constable Tim...

With welcoming in the new year, it's also nice that Didsbury is able to welcome a newcomer to our local RCMP detachment, Constable Tim Diebel and his wife Val. Tim graduated from the Depot Training Academy in Regina on November 20th, and headed straight to Alberta to make Didsbury his home since the 4th of December. "The first map we looked at didn't even show Didsbury," Tim said with a smile, "but it's an excellent location. I couldn't have got a better posting." Tim and Val are from Ontario and have been house-hunting for a few weeks now. "We've lived with friends and we lived at the Super 8," Val said, "but there've been great people around helping set us up." Constable Diebel has enjoyed his posting in Didsbury already, his duties being general policing, traffic control, and so on. In their spare time, the two enjoy hiking and skiing. "We really like that the mountains are so close," Tim said. He'll also be getting involved in the community as soon as possible. "I used to play hockey and have done some coaching," he says, "so would like to get back into that." Val plays softball in her free time. She is a former bank teller and will be looking at getting a job after they get settled. They've really enjoyed our community so far. "The people are extremely friendly," Tim said. "I grew up on a family farm and to come to a community like this is nice for us," he added. "Everybody has a smile or a wave, and I'm looking forward to serving the public." Next time you see Tim and Val on the street, be sure and introduce yourself.



Returning to her roots ...

Didsbury has a new Programmer of Recreation and Facilities Services, but she really needs no introduction, as we all know Alana from the Town Office. Alana Hagel has moved into a new position with the Town and is looking forward to the challenges ahead. "This was absolutely the hardest decision of my life," she said, "but I was looking toward my future and who I am, and I knew this was where I needed to be. This move will be of benefit to myself and the community," she added. Alana started in the recreation department five years ago after she completed her education, then moved into the position at the Town Office. "Now I am going home," she said with a smile. "I'll be running recreation-type activities in town, like snowboarding clinics, and recreational activities for the pool." Alana will be working with all recreation groups in town and is looking forward to the new venture. "I'm going to enjoy reacquainting myself with old friends," she said, "and getting to know new ones." Alana will be working with Rhonda Hunter, the Manager of Recreation Facilities and Services, as part of her new position includes overseeing pool staff and pool operations at the Didsbury Aquatic Centre. "I'm also going to be working on expanding recreational activities into the community as well," she says enthusiastically, "facilitating activities at the Complex and in and around town, as well as exploring other recreational opportunities outside the community." Alana is hoping for some input from people in town as well. "If they want, they can contact me at 335-7369 and tell me what they want, then if there's a demand, we'll see what we can do." Another part of her new job will be working on the enhancement of the Multi-purpose Room for more recreation activities. Alana will continue with the work she has done on Continuing Education programs and the FCSS events. Next time you're around the Memorial Complex, pop in and say hi to Alana. She'd love to see you.

Another Champion from Didsbury ...

We all want to extend congratulations to Bill Manness whose two year old quarterhorse, A Zippin Echo, received first prize at the richest futurity in Canada, the Manitoba Superhorse 50/50 Sale & Futurity, held in conjunction with the Manitoba Rodeo Finals and Winter Fair



On December 22nd, ten groups of 20 carolers, grades 1 to 12, from Olds Koinonia Christian School went around Didsbury and Olds singing carols and bring cheer to everyone on one of the last shopping days before Christmas. They sang at College Green Medical Centre, the hospital, and drop-in visits to stores downtown. Here they "wish everyone a Merry Christmas" at Mountain View Electronics.

Two new diabetes drugs added to benefit list

Two new drugs to combat Type 2 diabetes will be added to the Alberta Health and Wellness Drug Benefit List as of December 1, 2000, Health and Wellness Minister Gary Mar announced today.

The drugs Actos and Avandia are the first of a new class of medications, known as

thiazolidinediones, indicated for diabetes therapy. They help to control high blood sugar levels by reducing insulin resistance and enabling the body to respond to the insulin it produces.

"Diabetes affects about 90,000 Albertans and the addition of these two new drugs to the Alberta Health and Wellness

Drug Benefit List reflects this government's commitment to meeting the needs of those people who can benefit from them," said Mar.

The drugs will be available by special authorization through government-sponsored drug programs for diabetes patients who are not responding

to or who cannot tolerate or use current drugs.

The addition of the two new drugs to the Drug Benefit List is expected to cost about \$4.5 - \$6 million a year.

New drugs are placed on the Alberta Health and Wellness Drug Benefit List as recommended by the Expert Commit-

tee on Drug Evaluation and Therapeutics and reviewed and approved by the Minister. The Committee is made up of physicians, pharmacists and pharmacologists who consider the scientific, therapeutic and socioeconomic merits of drug products when making recommendations.



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A changing meat industry looking for people

by Ken Dittmann,
Instructor, Meat Processing
Program, Olds College

Alberta's meat industry estimates they will need thousands of new people over the next few years. Graduates of recognized meat processing programs will easily find jobs. Companies hire people off the street and try to

train them in house, but the success rate is low. It is hard, but steady work, and people go farther and have more opportunities to move up with the proper training.

The province's meat industry continues to grow because domestic demand is increasing and export markets, especially

to Japan and China, are growing too. Despite continuing controversy over intensive livestock operations, meat production is increasing.

However, people with meat processing skills are always hard to find, harder still in a booming economy. But the oil and gas industry goes in cycles, while

the meat industry will supply steady employment opportunities for years.

Canada's meat industry is changing. It is much more than just cutting meat because consumers are demanding more for their dollar. The demand is growing for "custom cutting," where the customer gets per-

sonalized service at the counter of large or small outlets. Consumers want their cuts leaner, or a certain shape or size. And many consumers want more than special cuts; they want advice on how to cook them too. New meat products, like bison, emu and llama, are also appearing on the scene.



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Alberta's natural gas prices compare favourably

Alberta's natural gas prices compare favourably with most jurisdictions across North America, Natural Resource Minister Mike Cardinal said today.

"Even with recent price increases on the North American market, Albertans continue to enjoy some of the lowest rates on the continent," the Minister said.

Cardinal noted that the North American price for natural gas has been rising dramatically in recent months because of high demand from gas-fired electricity plants and a colder-than-average winter in the United States.

He said the Alberta Government's recent gas rebate of \$200 will help shield Albertan consumers from these short-term price hikes.

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**- Mike Cardinal,
Natural Resources Minister**

"The most recent gas rebate is for \$200 per household," the Minister said. "Added to the previously announced Energy Tax Refund, the average Alberta household should have an additional \$800 (\$300 per taxpayer plus the new \$200 per household rebate) to shield them from the effects of rising natural gas prices this winter. It works out to about \$160 for each of the five coldest months of the

year."

Recent reports that Alberta's gas is selling in Ontario at half the Alberta price are misleading, the Minister said.

Union Gas, one of several companies serving the Ontario retail market, has received permission to sell its gas for the winter months at \$5.42 per gigajoule (GJ). Enbridge, another large Ontario gas utility, charges \$6.42 per GJ.

That compares favourably

with EPCOR's five-year rate of \$5.69 per GJ, ATCO's northern Alberta rate of \$5.77 per GJ, ATCO's southern Alberta rate of \$6.49 per GJ.

Some Alberta utilities are considering raising their winter (January - April) rates based on rising North American spot market prices. They have not yet applied to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board for permission to raise their rates.

Alberta utilities prefer to purchase the bulk of their supplies based on monthly spot market prices.

They believe that over the long term, their customers will enjoy the best rates possible. This is a different business philosophy than that adopted by Union Gas, which has huge storage capacity in

southwestern Ontario and buys large amounts of gas at lower summer prices.

Union also buys gas on long-term fixed contracts hoping to take some of the short-term price spikes and dives out of its rate equation.

Cardinal said consumers are free to choose who supplies their natural gas and he encouraged them to shop around for the best price.

They can currently choose long-term (one to five year) plans from independent retailers to smooth out any volatility in prices.

"Consumers can also subscribe to a utility's budget billing plan which equalizes bills over a 12-month period," the Minister said. "The best advice I can offer is people should talk to their gas company."

Smart marketing is aimed at kids and adults

At this time of year, we are overwhelmed with advertising and much of it is aimed directly at our children. Smart marketers know that once kids get hooked on a product, their parents' money is sure to follow.

But marketing to kids is nothing new...it's been around as long as television. Remember watching Bugs Bunny cartoons then talking your parents into buying you a box of Sugar Crisp cereal (Can't get enough of that sugar bear!)? Well, that type of TV advertising is still effective, but now companies selling cereals and cookies targeted at kids are getting more sophisticated in their sales pitches.

In the November issue of

Milling & Baking News, General Mills detailed its plans for "Cereal Adventure" at the Mall of America just outside Minneapolis.

Located on 16,000 square feet, Cereal Adventure will feature entertainment areas such as Lucky Charms' Magical Forest and Cocoa Puffs Chocolate Canyon, as well as a Total Nutrition health site and General Mills Farm Factory. Visitors will be able to create their own cereal combinations in take-home packages. And like all good theme parks, Cereal Adventure will include a store and café so visitors can buy and eat more General Mills products.

Marketing campaigns that link products with children's

education are even more effective. Kellogg's, Nabisco, Inc. and a few other food manufacturers, including General Mills, have used the talents of former teacher, Barbara Barbieri McGrath, to create books for pre-schoolers. These sturdy cardboard books contain lessons on basic counting skills, but all use a food product, such as Cheerios and Goldfish crackers, as a counting tool.

So as well as learning how to count from one to ten, kids learn how much fun it is to play with and eat various cereals, crackers and cookies. The food manufacturers are trying to instill brand loyalty in 3 and 4-year-olds.

Brand loyalty is a powerful

tool for anyone selling a product or service.

The Canadian Wheat Board's Sales and Marketing and Market Development staff work year-round to develop and maintain good relationships with domestic and international customers.

This means sending out samples of new varieties for testing in our customers' mills and breweries as well as providing on-site education and training sessions in conjunction with the Canadian International Grains Institute (CIGI), the Canadian Grain Commission (CGC) and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

Customers receive publications that detail the charac-

teristics of the classes of wheat and barley being offered for sale by the CWB. These marketing efforts are essential because the CWB, like General Mills, faces competition. The CWB staff work to build brand loyalty around the world for western Canadian wheat and barley.

Our customers are adults, but the basic marketing idea's the same.

On behalf of the Canadian Wheat Board, I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

To reach the CWB, please call our toll-free phone line at 1-800-275-4292. This column is written on a regular basis by CWB communications consultant Andrea Geary.

Growing rural tourism: a landmark conference

Rural Alberta is abound with interesting things to see and do.

Just consider The Cowboy Trail, the Smoky Lake Pumpkin Festival, Grande Cache's Death Race, or the many market gardens, parks and lakes.

At the same time, the travelling public is looking for new opportunities to explore and experience.

They want to be entertained and educated, they want to taste, touch, see and feel, adventure, recreation, heritage and culture. Many travellers, Albertans and otherwise, still have no idea of the rich holiday get away experience that can be found in rural Alberta," says Sharon Homeniuk, rural development specialist - business with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Stony Plain.

"The question is, is rural Alberta ready for the growth of rural tourism? Do they understand the target market? Do they know how to package experiences to attract that market? Do they fully realize the potential in their own backyard?"

Growing Rural Tourism, an upcoming conference initiative of the Camrose Regional Exhibition, Alberta Economic Development, Travel Alberta, and Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, will be held in Camrose on February 13 and 14, 2001.

The conference deals with bringing communities together, public and private sector alike, to learn how to work collectively to grow rural tourism in their own areas and how to turn vacationers' to the fun, friendliness, education and relaxation that rural Alberta offers.

"Highlights of the conference include a keynote address by Ed Mahoney, internationally recognized rural tourism expert from Michigan State University," adds Homeniuk.

"Mahoney will kick off the conference by showing how working from an initial vision to a finely tuned marketing plan can, and has been done right by communities that have pulled together and succeeded."

"Learn how individual contribution can lead to success in growing rural tourism for your business and community."

The event provides the opportunity to sit down with community counterparts and work on clearly identifying target markets and discovering a community's best kept secrets.

Bill MacMillan, of Equus Consulting will lead groups through an energizing and thought provoking process to conclusions they never knew were possible.

Barb Quarry, tourism manager for the City of Stratford, will be on hand to explore successful Ontario initiatives like Get Out of Town, the Huron Harvest Trail and Rural Routes. Many inspiring success stories from Alberta will also be presented to challenge participants' thinking.

For more information or to register for the conference, contact the Growing Rural Tourism conference office at (780) 488-9497, toll-free at 1-866-488-9497, or e-mail atmllmgt@aol.com.

More information and a registration form are also available on line at www.tourismtogether.com or www.agric.gov.ab.ca/economic/mgmt/diversification/index then click on agn-tourism.



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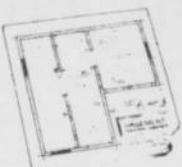
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The CWB announced December 20 that the government of Canada has approved increases to the 2000-01 initial payments for wheat, durum wheat, feed barley and designated barley.

Effective December 22, 2000 initial payments for wheat will increase from \$8 to \$23 per tonne. Initial payments for durum will increase from \$5 to \$68 per tonne. Feed barley prices will increase \$20 per tonne and designated barley initial payments will increase \$20 to \$40 per tonne. The adjustment payments, in dollars per tonne, for representative grades in each pool account are listed below. The total payment is based on the value of grain in store at Vancouver or the St. Lawrence.

Initial
Adjustment
Total
Grade
Payment
Payment

To Date

Wheat No. 1 Canada	
Western Red Spring	
12.5	\$ 140.00
\$ 17.00	\$ 157.00
Durum No. 1 Canada	
Western Amber Durum	
12.5	143.00
31.00	174.00
Feed barley	
No. 1 Canada Western	
95.00	20.00
115.00	
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40.00	182.00
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6-Row	119.00
27.00	146.00

A complete listing of payments for all grades in dollars per tonne and dollars per bushel is posted on the CWB's Web site (under the Payments link) at www.cwb.ca.

Farmers who delivered wheat, barley and durum to the CWB between August 1, 2000 and December 21, 2000 will receive an adjustment payment. The payments will be mailed on January 12 or received by direct deposit on January 9.

Initial payments are guaranteed by the federal government and are paid to farmers when they deliver grain. This is the first adjustment to the 2000-01 initial payment.

The CWB monitors pool account activity throughout the crop year. Recommendations for further adjustments to the initial payments will be made when sales and market conditions warrant.

Initial payments should not be confused with monthly Pool Return Outlooks (PROs) which are the CWB's estimates of total pool year returns.

The CWB is the world's largest farmer-controlled wheat and barley marketer. Headquartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, it is one of Canada's biggest exporters and the largest net earner of foreign currency. Marketing Prairie-grown wheat and barley to over 70 countries around the world, the CWB returns all sales, less the costs of marketing, to farmers in Western Canada.

ACT Program partners issue proposal calls

The **Affordability and Choice Today (ACT) Program** partners today issued the Y2000 proposal calls for projects that streamline approvals and eliminate outdated regulations to make way for new ideas to build better homes and communities.

Now in its 10th year, ACT provides funding to community teams of builders, developers, planners, municipal staff, non-profit and consumer groups for:

1 Demonstration project grants for up to \$20,000 to support housing projects that show-

case new ideas in design, technology, planning or servicing.

2. Approvals process project grants of up to \$10,000 to assist teams to change regulatory, procedural and administrative processes.

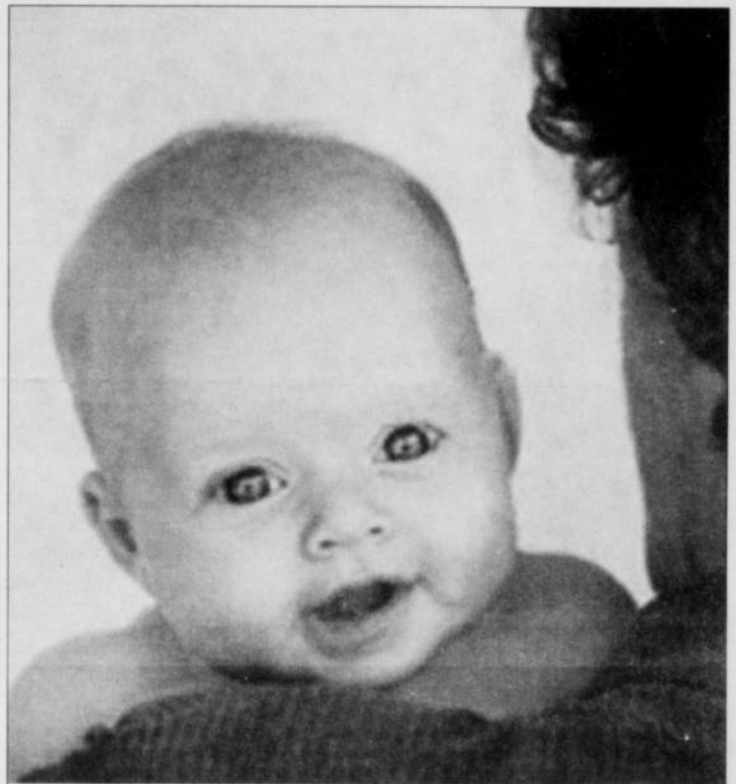
3 NEW - Promotional project grants of up to \$5,000 to fund creative efforts that promote regulatory reform, and contribute to the sharing of ideas. These applications are accepted year-round.

Community teams must submit applications for funding in the Dem-

onstration project and Approvals process categories by **January 15, 2001**. Promotion project grant applications are accepted year-round. Up to \$160,000 is available in project grants. The successful entries will be announced in February 2001.

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Committee members need to hear from you in order to help them make recommendations on the length of leave. They also want to hear your views on related issues such as eligibility, notice periods and employee entitlements.

In order to give the committee your feedback, please obtain a questionnaire by visiting www.gov.ab.ca/hre/employmentleave or e-mailing employmentstandards@ahre.gov.ab.ca or calling toll-free 310-0000 then dial (780) 415-8573

The deadline for submissions is January 17, 2001.

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Crop Insurance Review Committee January Public Meeting Dates

The Crop Insurance Review Committee will be holding a series of public meetings around the province to report back on the recommendations developed since October 1999 for improving the crop insurance system in Alberta. Anyone interested is invited to attend these public meetings.

Location	Date	Address
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Lethbridge - 9 am to noon	January 15, 2001	Lethbridge Lodge - 320 Scenic Dr. S.
Medicine Hat - 2 pm to 5 pm	January 15, 2001	Cypress Centre - 2055 - 21 Ave.
Vulcan - 2 pm to 5 pm	January 15, 2001	Legion - 240 Sinclair Rd.
Strathmore - 9 am to noon	January 16, 2001	Community Centre - 85 Lakeside Blvd.
Central		
Oyen - 9 am to noon	January 16, 2001	Senior Rec Centre - 219 - 2 St. West
Airdrie - 2 pm to 5 pm	January 16, 2001	Legion - 508-3 Ave. SE
Hanna - 2 pm to 5 pm	January 16, 2001	Community Centre - 503 - 4 St. West
Red Deer - 9 am to noon	January 17, 2001	Holiday Inn - 6500 - 67 St.
North		
Camrose - 9 am to noon	January 12, 2001	Norseman Inn - 6505 - 48 Ave.
Stony Plain - 3 pm to 5:30 pm	January 12, 2001	Convention Inn - 4620 - 48 St.
Vermilion - 9 am to noon	January 18, 2001	Lakeland College - 5707 - 47 Ave. W.
Wilna - 2:30 pm to 5 pm	January 18, 2001	Cultural Centre
Westlock - 1 pm to 4 pm	January 19, 2001	Westlock Community Hall
Grande Prairie - 1 pm to 4 pm	January 22, 2001	Travelodge Trumpeter Inn - 12101 - 100 St.
Fahler - 9 am to noon	January 23, 2001	Knights of Columbus - 208 Main St.
Grimshaw - 2 pm to 5 pm	January 23, 2001	Mile 0 Motor Inn - 5904 - 51 St.
Manning - 9 am to noon	January 24, 2001	Elks Youth Centre
Fort Vermilion - 9 am to noon	January 25, 2001	Community Complex - 5001 - 44 Ave.

Information on the recommendations will be available at the meetings or at your local Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development office. For more information, please call:

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Players selected to AJHL south division All-star team

By Barry Williams

Four members of the Olds Grizzlys have been chosen to play for the Rogers AT&T Wireless AJHL south division all-star team.

Veteran defenceman David Erickson will be making his second consecutive appearance at the AJHL All-star game scheduled on Sat. Jan. 27, 2001 at Drayton Valley.

Other Grizzlys suiting up for the south division team are captain Tyler Brosz, Colen Pappas and rookie Jared Mudryk.

Pappas, the Grizzlys most valuable player the past two seasons, and Brosz played in the Prospects Game last year. The Prospects Game was introduced to give AJHL players not committed to NUCAA schools an opportunity to play in front NUCAA scouts in an attempt to sign or obtain a scholarship offer from a major university or college in the United States.

As a rookie in the league this year, this will be Mudryk's first appearance in the all-star classic.

A former Carstairs Bruins AA team mate of Pappas's,

Mark Bommersback, of the Bow Valley Eagles, has also been selected to the south division all-star team. In his second year with the Eagles, Bommersback played all his minor hockey in Carstairs having been a member of the Carstairs AA Bruins in Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget.

Pappas played two seasons with the Carstairs Pee Wee AA Bruins and then went on

Kodiaks. Van Hereweghe, the former head coach of the Olds Grizzlys and the Carstairs Pee Wee AA Bruins, coached Bommersback and Pappas in Carstairs and was selected as the south division all-star team based on the Kodiaks play so far this season. The coach with the best winning percentage in both the south and north divisions of the AJHL are selected as all star coaches. Coaches of the teams with the next best percentage in each division are chosen to coach the Prospects Game teams.

The Kodiaks have a .720 winning percentage, while the Grizzlys have a winning percentage of .714.

Barry Medori, of the Drayton Valley Thunder, will guide the AJHL north division all-star team.

In the Prospects Game, Brett Cox and Chad Beagle, of the Olds Grizzlys, will mentor the south division team, while St. Albert Raiders' coach Gord Thibodeau and his assistant Gord McCann will be behind the bench of the north division team in the Prospects Game.

Players for the AJHL all-star teams were chosen by the coaches and general managers of the member teams through a voting system.

Van Hereweghe and Medori are expected to finalize their rosters within the next few days. Team members of the Prospects Game have yet to be announced by league officials.

Grizzly All Stars

David Erickson
Tyler Brosz
Colen Pappas
Jared Mudryk

to play Bantam AAA in Stettler and Midget AAA for the Foothills Bisons based out of Strathmore.

Pappas and Bommersback will be familiar faces to the Rogers AT&T Wireless south division all-star team head coach, Garry Van Hereweghe, of the Camrose

Colts Hockey

The next home game of the Mountain View Colts will be on Jan. 6 at 8 p.m., when they take on West Country at the Didsbury Arena.



Masked Bandit holds up Grizzlys

By Barry Williams

A masked Bandit held up the Olds Grizzlys in Brooks on December 22.

Backed by a superlative performance between the pipes by Darrick Bouman, the Brooks Bandits skated to a 3-2 victory over the Grizzlys in Alberta Junior Hockey League action.

Bouman, the game's first star, held the Grizzlys sharpshooters at bay throughout the contest making 43 superlative saves in backstopping the Bandits to their 16th victory.

"There was no doubt the Bandits goalie (Bouman) was the difference in the game," said Grizzlys' assistant coach Chad Beagle.

"In the first period he made several key saves, which kept them in the game," added Beagle.

The Grizzlys caught the Bandits flat footed in the first period as they fired 18 shots at the Bandits' net, but all of them were blanks as the Bandits held a 1-0 lead after twenty minutes of play on a goal by Royce Bert.

Colen Pappas and Jared Mudryk found the back of the twine for the Grizzlys in the second period which saw the teams skate to the dressing room deadlocked at two goals a piece after forty minutes of play. Wade Richardson netted the Bandits goal in the middle frame setting up an exciting third period. With just under five minutes to play, veteran Jeff Marler twinkled the twine for the winning goal.

According to Beagle, the

failure of the Grizzlys to net a goal in the first period was the turning point of the contest.

"If we could have scored an early goal, the game would have been different," said Beagle, indicating the Grizzlys inability to bury the puck early in the game gave Bouman more confidence in his play as the game progressed.

Although the Grizzlys were afforded with numerous scoring opportunities, the forwards didn't bear down in front of the Bandits net.

"Our forwards weren't going towards their net with authority," Beagle added.

Although the Bandits are an expansion team Beagle indicated they shouldn't be treated lightly.

"They are capable of defeating every team in this league, especially at home," Beagle added.

Because the ice surface at the Brooks arena is smaller than other rinks in the league, Beagle believes the Bandits customized their team towards the smaller ice surface.

"At home the Bandits play a different style of game and we couldn't adjust to it," Beagle concluded.

Despite the loss, the Grizzlys remain atop of the Rogers AT&T Wireless south division with 60 points on 30 wins against 12 defeats in 42 games played. They are just one point ahead of the Camrose Kodiaks, who have a game in hand.

Next home action for the Grizzlys in the friendly confines of the Olds Sportsplex is on Jan. 5 against the Kodiaks.

Premiere Bantam AA teams converging in Olds

By Barry Williams

Premiere Bantam AA teams from across the province are converging in Olds to participate in the Olds Grizzlys Bantam AA Christmas Tournament scheduled for the Olds Sportsplex from Dec. 27-Dec. 29.

The eleven team tournament has attracted teams from Olds, Innisfail, Rocky Mountain House, Airdrie, Okotoks, Bow Valley (Canmore), Brooks, Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer and Saskatoon, Sask.

According to Garrett Funkhouser, tournament chairman, competition within the four divisions will

be exciting as the teams represented at the tournament are among the elite in their respective leagues.

"Most of the teams are evenly matched, so the fans can expect competitive games," said Funkhouser.

Besides attracting premiere Bantam AA teams, the tournament has generated a strong fan base and a following of junior, college and university hockey scouts from Canada and a few from the United States indicated Funkhouser.

Over the years, some of the players participating in this tournament have gone

on to play in the Alberta Junior Hockey League, the Western Hockey League and other junior hockey leagues throughout Canada. Players have also combined their

"Most of the teams are evenly matched, so the fans can expect competitive games," said Funkhouser.

playing careers with an education by attending universities and colleges in Canada and the United States after their junior hockey careers have terminated.

Because of the calibre

of play demonstrated by the participating teams, Funkhouser indicated the scouts are extremely interested in attending this tournament.

"We usually try to cater to these scouts by having scouting packages available for them," said Funkhouser.

"As much information as we can gather about the players is contained in these scouting packages," Funkhouser indicated.

The 22 game tournament will commence with the host Olds Chiefs playing the Brooks Oilers at 11 a.m. on Dec. 27 and conclude with

the consolation championship and tournament championship games on Dec. 29. Before the consolation championship game at 1 p.m. the Grizzlys will be holding an open practice and interested hockey fans are encouraged to watch this event. The championship game is scheduled to commence at 3 p.m.

"This tournament is definitely a boost to the economy of Olds during this time of year," concluded Funkhouser.

And, the tournament is a complete bargain as there is no admission charge for the games.

AJHL Notes

Four players each from the Drayton Valley Thunder and the Olds Grizzlys have been voted to the Rogers AT&T North and South Division teams for the Alberta Junior Hockey League's All-Star game on Saturday, January 27 in Drayton Valley.

Goalie Kevin Schieve, defenceman Trevor Mortson, forwards Ryan Watson and Jason Grinevitch were the Drayton Valley players selected in balloting by Northern Division coaches and general managers.

Defenceman David Erickson, forwards Colen Pappas, Tyler Brosz and Jared Mudryk were the Olds players chosen by Southern Division coaches and general managers.

Three players from the Fort McMurray Oil Barons, two players each from the Grande Prairie Storm and Sherwood Park Crusaders, one player each from the St. Albert Saints, Fort Saskatchewan Traders and Bonnyville Pontiacs were also voted to the North team.

Three players each from the Canmore Kodiaks and Bow Valley Eagles, two from the Calgary Canucks, one each from the Brooks Bandits and Calgary Royals were also selected on the South team.

Barry Medori, the North Division coach, and Garry Van Hereweghe, the South Division coach, will fill out the All-Star teams rosters within the next week.

Following are the players voted to the division teams:

North Division:
Goal: Kevin Schieve, Drayton Valley; Kirby Millar, St. Albert;

Defence: Skip Renauld, Fort McMurray; Trevor Read, Fort Saskatchewan; Trevor Mortson, Drayton Valley; Calvin Brown, Sherwood Park;

Forwards: Ryan Watson, Drayton Valley; Jason Grinevitch, Drayton Valley; Colin Murphy, Fort McMurray; Nathan Rosychuk, Grande Prairie; Shayne Chipchura, Bonnyville; Garrett Larson, Grande Prairie; Grant Ranslam, Sherwood Park; Kent Beagle, Fort McMurray.

South Division:
Goal: Scott Galenza, Camrose; Cody Brown, Calgary Canucks;
Defence: David Erickson, Olds; Matt Ponto, Camrose; Jeremy Schreiber, Bow Valley; Rheel Guenette, Calgary Canucks;

Forwards: Jeremy Cheyne, Bow Valley; Colen Pappas, Olds; Tyler Brosz, Olds; Brad Wanchulak, Camrose; Jeff Marler, Brooks; Jared Mudryk, Olds; Mark Bomersback, Bow Valley; Mike Wiggins, Calgary Royals.

Minister of Justice extends Firearms transfer fee waiver

The Honourable Anne McLellan, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, announced that the \$25 firearms transfer fee waiver and the amnesty for prohibited handguns and unregistered restricted firearms will both be extended to June 30, 2001.

"These extensions are in response to the concerns of firearm owners who have told us that an extension will give those in possession of prohibited firearms or unregistered restricted firearms more time to take appropriate action. Our goal is to work with firearm users while ensuring public safety," said Minister McLellan.

The transfer fee waiver began in June as a result of consultations with the firearms community. This waiver does not apply to transfers that took place before June 10, 2000.

The extension of the amnesty, which began December 1, 1998, gives people until June 30, 2001 to dispose of certain prohibited handguns that they cannot legally keep.

In February 1995, the Government announced its intention to ban certain handguns, often called "Saturday night specials." This includes handguns with a barrel length of 105 mm or less and those that discharge .25 and .32 calibre ammunition, except for a few specific ones used in International

Shooting Union competitions. The Government made this decision because these easily concealable weapons threaten public safety.

An individual can keep a prohibited handgun only if both they and the handgun have "grandfathered" status.

The extension of the amnesty, which began December 1, 1998, gives people until June 30, 2001 to dispose of certain prohibited handguns that they cannot legally keep.

People who had already purchased these prohibited firearms by February 14, 1995 were able to take advantage of the "grandfathering" clause. This means that they can keep their handgun and trade among those with the same "grandfathered" privileges.

Individuals who came into possession of "grandfathered" handguns (e.g. as part of estate), but are not themselves "grandfathered," can sell them to a "grandfathered" owner.

Persons and dealers who have these firearms but who have not been "grandfathered," now have more time to take appropriate action. Their options include: increasing the length

of the barrel, exporting the firearm, de-activating the firearm, selling or donating it to a museum or turning it in to authorities.

Non-"grandfathered" individuals, who purchased these handguns after February 14, 1995, were told at the time of registration that they could not retain the firearms once the prohibition came into effect.

The amnesty also provides an additional six months for individuals in possession of unregistered restricted firearms to have them registered without fear of repurcussion. The same applies to businesses newly regulated under the *Firearms Act*. During the amnesty period, individuals may register the firearm, or turn in the firearm to a police officer or firearms officer for destruction or disposal.

The *Firearms Act* requires every firearm owner in Canada to have a licence by January 1, 2001 or a valid Firearms Acquisition Certificate.

"I would remind those in possession of firearms that they only have until the end of this year to submit a firearms licence application," said Minister McLellan.

There are legal options for those who decide not to get a licence. They can sell their firearms to licensed businesses or individuals, have the firearm deactivated to standard, or contact local police and arrange for them to dispose of the firearm. As of January 1, 2001, it will no longer be legal to have a firearm without a licence.

Firearm licence applications are available at local post offices, by calling 1-800-731-4000, at Service Canada Centres and at www.cgc.gc.ca.

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He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids,
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There's no schedule to keep;
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I'm walking streets of gold;
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If you could see me now,
You'd know I've seen His face;
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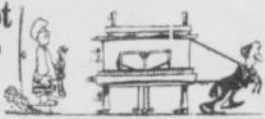
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Energy rebates to double for residents and industry

• The Alberta Government maintains its commitment to keep electricity prices virtually frozen for the typical residential consumer.

• The proceeds of the second electricity auction will be used to double existing consumer rebates over one year.

• The Regulated Rate Option increases to 11 cents to better reflect current market value of electricity.

• The new rebate amounts are as follows:

- Residential and farm-home electricity users will receive a \$40 monthly rebate directly on their power bills beginning January 1, 2001.

- Non-residential users will receive a rebate of 3.6 cents per kilowatt hour.

Consumers will benefit from the proceeds of the second electricity auction, which was held on December 4 and 5, announced Resource Development Minister Mike Cardinal.

"With the healthy proceeds from the second electricity auction, we are in a position to shield consumers and to raise the Regulated Rate Option to 11 cents," said the Minister.

"We have said that we are committed to keeping electricity energy charges virtually constant for the average residential consumer next year. [This] announcement keeps that commitment while making some further changes to our shielding efforts," said the Minister, adding that, "It will also have a direct impact on businesses, municipalities, hospitals, schools and other mid-sized or large consumers."

Changes to the Rebate

Rebates for non-residential consumers will double from 1.8 cents per kilowatt hour to 3.6 cents per kilowatt hour, based on consumption. The non-residential rebates will run for one year, starting in 2001, and will now total over \$1.5 billion. "Mid-size and large consumers will benefit from [this] announcement. We listened to their concerns and are providing them with additional shielding through a critical time period of short term price increases," said the Minister.

The residential and farm home rebates will double from \$20 per month to \$40 per month for Albertans receiving a power bill. Combined with the increase in the Regu-

lated Rate Option, this means the average consumer who uses 650 kilowatt hours of electricity per month will continue to pay the same amount for their energy charges as they paid at the same time last year.

Residential rebates will run from January to December, 2001, and will now total about \$500 million.

"I also want to encourage both home consumers and large consumers to stretch their rebates further by conserving energy over the next few months and in the long-term. In talking to Albertans, I am always impressed with the many good ideas out there on how to manage power usage," said the Minister.

Change to the Regulated Rate Option

The second part of [the] announcement involves setting the Regulated Rate Option at 11 cents for one year. The Regulated Rate Option is the transitional rate that residential consumers can access for up to five years while other small consumers (who use less than 250,000 kilowatt-hours a year) can access it for up to three years.

"The December electricity auction was an important event," said the Minister. It told us the market price for power in 2001 was in the range of 11 to 12 cents per kilowatt-hour." But it also revealed that the participants in Alberta's deregulated market expect prices to be around 6.8 cents per kilowatt-hour in 2002 and six cents per kilowatt-hour in 2003.

The market price will continue to fluctuate with market conditions; however, the auction indicated that the market price for the majority of the power fell into the range of 11 to 12 cents.

The major retailers expressed concerns about maintaining their commitments to consumers under the previous regulated rate of eight cents. Mid-sized commercial consumers can now expect their retailers to offer attractive longer term rates.

"We listened to consumers and we listened to the players in the electricity industry in finding a solution that met the needs of our growing industry," said the Minister.

"[The] announcement is good news for consumers and it is good for Alberta's electricity market," he added. "Recent generation announcements, totaling 925 megawatts of new generation, show that investor confidence continues to grow."

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5-O Club

Seniors Dance at the 5-O Club, January 5, 2001 from 8 to 10:30. Lunch will be provided.

New Years Party

Welcoming in the New Year, the Mountain View Christian Women's Club is sponsoring a 2001 Extravaganza at the Didsbury Memorial Complex in the Multi Purpose Room on Tuesday, January 16, 2001 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$5.00 per person. For reservations or rides, please call Nancy at 337-3200 or Margie 335-3765.

DIDSBURY

Didsbury Historical Society

Didsbury and District Historical Society Annual General Meeting will be held on January 17, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Museum.

ROSEBUD Coffee Party

Rosebud Ladies Coffee Party, Wednesday, January 10 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Joyce Mullen.

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(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members. Meetings 7 p.m. Monday evenings at Carstairs Church of God. For info call Jean 637-3753, Darlene 946-4369 or Natalie 337-2351.

DIDSBURY

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Meeting-Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265 RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Joanne at 337-2614.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info, call Jean at the Town Office at 335-3391

TOY LIBRARY

Kidding Around Parents Club Toy Library. Open Tuesdays and the first and third Saturdays from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Linda at 337-5868.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Roxanne at 335-8322 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Mom's Time Out and Dad's Too. We meet Monday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. (excluding holidays). Nominal babysitting fee. Redeemer Lutheran Church. Ph. 335-2388

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

DIDSBURY

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

Everyone is welcome. We have lots to see, take a look back in history. Donations are always welcome. Admission is \$2/adults and children and members free. The Museum is open on Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2-5 p.m. weekly and 2-4 p.m. on Saturdays during July and Aug. We're located at 2118 - 21st Ave. For more info, call 335-9295 during office hours.

RECYCLING DEPOT

Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junk mail, plastic milk jugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins.

CASH BINGO

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DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

A non-profit, social & educational program for children 3-5 years is accepting registrations. Register now for September and save \$10 off registration fee. Call Cherrie at 335-8039.

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PRESCHOOL

A non-profit, parent run, social and educational program for children 3-5 years is now accepting on-going registrations. Drop-off rates available. Call 335-8039 or 335-8818.

INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Just Done For Fun out of school care program runs each school day at Ross Ford. For more information call 335-8168.

HALL WALKING

Adult hallwalking at Westgate from 6:30-8 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Friday. For more info call 335-3146 or 335-9787.

DIDSBURY

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

SUPPORT GROUP

ADD/ADHD Support Group. For parents and families dealing with attention deficit disorder. For more info call Sherree 335-8612.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Tuesday night meetings have been suspended until September, due to the summer break.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury and District Association is a locally run non-profit society attempting to coordinate volunteer or fee for service assistance. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. Meet on last Tuesday of the month in lower level conference room in Physiotherapy Unit of Hospital. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

LONE PINE

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Join the Mountain View Presenters (MVP) Toastmasters Club in Olds. Meetings every Tuesday at Olds College, Room 108, at 7 p.m. starting September 9. For further info, call Judy Dahl at 556-7119 or Malissa at 556-8520.

SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month. For time and place, contact Mel Terpstra 335-3527 for info.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8-9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN

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